Two Family Court buildings at Parliament Street and at 1, Kirpa Narain Marg, Delhi are under construction.

Shortage of skilled pilots

2313. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian ports are suffering because they don't have enough skilled pilots;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government are planning to give more incentives to the pilots to attract them to join; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) Majority of Ports are not suffering because of shortage of skilled pilots. In case regular pilots are not immediately available at any port due to some reason, ports arrange the work through contract pilots.

(c) and (d) At present there is no proposal for giving any more incentives to attract the pilots to join Major Ports.

Development of port at Patna

2314. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been decided by Government to develop a port at Patna on river Ganga;

(b) the amount sanctioned by Government for this; and

(c) by when and to which places navigation will be started from Patna?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir.